locomotives and signalling and Telecom. gears are conducted. To minimise accidents at level crossings, publicity through audio-visual means is carried out to educate the road users to negotiate level crossings in a safe manner.

एक्सप्रेस शटल रेलगाड़ी का चलाया जाना

4818. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या प्रतिदिन यात्रा करने वाले मासिक पास धारक यात्रियों की भारी संख्या को देखते हुए बीना-भोपाल के मध्य एक एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी चलाने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब से चलाये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) :

(क) जी नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) परिचालनिक कठिनाइयों तथा संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण ।

Travelling without ticket in Suburban trains

4819. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a decline in the number of tickets sold in the suburban sections of the railways in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to plug the leakage in revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, special and surprise checks are regularly conducted against ticketless/irregular travel.

Loss suffered by Western Railway due to Kisan agitation in Gujarat

4820. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by the Western Railway as a result of the recent Kisan agitation in the State of Gujarat.

(b) the extent to which train services were paralysed due to this agitation ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the situation and to save the property of the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Rs. 85,000/- approximately.

(b) While 48 passenger trains were cancelled and 27 passenger trains terminated enroute, 2 passenger trains suffered detention.

(c) Security arrangements were beefed up besides escorting passenger trains and guarding vulnerable points in coordination with Government Railway Police/Local Police and Civil Administration.

Conversion of railway lines in Rajasthan

4821. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have so far undertaken any survey or got the matter examined pertaining to (i) conversion of Pipar Road Bilara MG line into BG line in view of huge deposits of cement grade lime stone available in Bilara area of Rajasthan and (ii) conversion of Merta City MG line into BG line which is the birth place of illustrious saint "Meera Bai' and great warriour, Jaimal, besides having huge deposits of lime-stone in this historic city of Rajasthan.

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands now in respect of Part (a) above as on date; and

(c) whether resources are available during the year 1994-95 for this purpose and if not, the reasons therefor ?